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In regard to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the specific limitations as described and listed in the Statement are severable as to each of the claims. In particular, each claim encompasses only those limitations as presented in that particular claim, and the listed limitations presented in the statement are not jointly held by all of the claims.

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